



## Wisconsin - Apples

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### Wisconsin Apple Forecast Up

The forecast for Wisconsin's 2011 apple crop is 43.2 million pounds. If realized, this would be 16.8 percent above last year. This year's apple season got off to a slow start due to a cooler spring. However, spring frost was not a problem for growers this year like it was in 2010. A majority of operations said this year would be better than last year. A hail storm cut through part of Wisconsin early this spring and some reports mentioned damaged fruit. Recently, ample rain and sunshine have helped the crop significantly.

U.S. apple production is forecast at 9.51 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2010. The state with the largest production, Washington, is forecast to produce 5.40 billion pounds, down 3 percent from last year's production. Production in the Central States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin) is forecast at 1.27 billion pounds, an increase of 49 percent from 2010.

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